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1. THE STALEMATED FORMATION OF A NEW TURKISH GOVT HAS CONTINUED INTO THE NEW YEAR. ON DEC 29 PRES KORUTURK ASKED INTERIM PRIMIN TALU TO TRY AGAIN TO FORM A COALITION, THIS TIME SEEKING MERELY A MAJORITY-BASED GOVT RATHER THAN AN ALL-PARTY COALITION AS BEFORE. SINCE REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT ON DEC 31 DECLINED TALU'S INVITATION TO JOIN THE GOVT, A COALITION OF THE RIGHTIST PARTIES UNDER TALU IS NOW A THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY. JUSTICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN DEMIREL, WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED

SUCH A COALITION UNDER ANYONE ELSE'S LEADERSHIP, DID NOT THIS TIME REJECT TALU'S PROPOSAL OUT OF HAND AND HAS PROMISED AN ANSWER SHORTLY. THE PRES IN HIS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE CALLED FOR SURMOUNTING PARTY INTERESTS.

- 2. IN A JOINT EFFORT TO MEET THE DEADLINE FOR PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET, THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND THE LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER ARE MEETING TODAY (JAN 2) WITH PARTY GROUP CHAIRMEN. THEY REPORTEDLY WILL DISCUSS FORMING A BUDGET COMMITTEE WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVT.
- 3. COMMENT: ECEVIT TOLD THE AMB ON DEC 28 THAT HE EXPECTED THE NEXT STEP TO BE AN EFFORT TO PUT TOGETHER A RIGHTIST COALITION AND THAT IF THIS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL HE MIGHT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FORM A MINORITY GOVT. HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT IT FORTUNATE THAT TURKEY HAD REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT COULD "AFFORD" A GOVT CRISIS AND INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT A RESOLUTION CULD BE EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER THE FEAST OF SACRIFICE (KURBAN BAYRAMI), JAN 4-7.

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